

MINUTES AND REPORT
OF
MEETING OF COUNCIL
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THE COOPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

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held at 225 Swanston Street, Melbourne on Monday, 18th August 1980 commencing 7 p.m.

1. Present:

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| Mr. M. Rundle | President |
| Mr. J. N. Black | |
| Mr. K. D. Currey | |
| Mr. E. J. Long | |
| Mr. B. H. Macintosh | |
| Mr. O. J. Slattery | |
| Mr. W. W. Rawlinson | Executive Officer |

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Messrs.
J. Rigby, A. Dash.

2. Minutes:

Minutes of the meeting held 21st July 1980 having been circulated
were confirmed and adopted as a correct record.

3. Matters arising:

- Minute 3.i - Guide Book for groups interested in setting up
Cooperatives and Small Businesses is due to be
presented to the V.E.C. by 5th September 1980.
- Minute 4.v - Mr. Long attended A.G.M. of V.C.C.A.
- Minute 7 - The Federation's Annual Report in printed form
was tabled.
- Minute 11(i) - Mr. Robinson is unlikely to visit Victoria for
discussions on Central Banking facilities before
early September.
- Minute 14(ii) - Request for formal lease on Federation Office
submitted to Security Cooperative Permanent Building
Society.

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4. Correspondence:

- 4.i - Annual Report of V.C.C.A. received and tabled.
- 4.ii - Annual Report of Bendigo Trading Cooperative received
and tabled.

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5. Financial:

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6. Legislation

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- Covering letter from Mildura Cooperative Fruit Company forwarding local newspaper report on Mildura Regional Meeting. Executive Officer's acknowledgment requested meeting with the Board to discuss the Federation's operations.

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- From Bendigo Trading Cooperative re
 - (a) Formation of Central Victorian Regional Association of Cooperatives
 - (b) Insurance for Cooperative Housing Society members

Council

welcomed (a) and directed continuous liaison be maintained to ensure such development does not prejudice direct membership of the Federation.

Council

noted the concern expressed at (b) and recommended any desired action against this statutorily tied insurance arrangements with Cooperative Housing Societies should be taken at Annual General Meetings of the relevant Societies.

Council

further considered that, subject to sufficient support being indicated, the possibility of development of some group package deals for Cooperatives and their members could be investigated.

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From C.F.A. re appointment Director of I.C.A.

Council directed

the appointment be advertised in the next Federation newsletter.

5. Financial:

Audited accounts for the year ended 30th June 1980 were tabled and signed by the President and Vice President. Accounts for renewal of membership have been issued.

6. Legislation:

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Council considered a draft submission to the Minister administering the Cooperation Act and directed

it be submitted to the Premier with a copy to Mr. Dixon.

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covering letter recommending Cooperatives liaison with their local State Parliamentarians to record concern at the possibility of transfer of some Cooperative Registry responsibilities to the Corporate Affairs Commission.

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Council welcomed the action by the Cooperative Phosphate Company in obtaining assurance from the State Law Department that Section 17(7) of the Companies Act will be retained in the new National Companies and Securities legislation.

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Council noted that the absence on leave of the Registrar had prevented progress being made on consultation over the proposed new Cooperation Act.

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Council directed

the Legislation Committee to consider acceptable wording for definition of a Cooperative for possible inclusion in the new Cooperation Act.

Council requested

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1980 Annual Conference:

Invitation issued to Minister for Agriculture to open Conference.
Reply awaited.

Action on sponsorship deferred pending finalisation of the programme by the Conference Planning Committee.

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Regional Meetings:

Council considered

the Federation's programme would not permit organisation of Regional meetings before 31st December 1980.

It was agreed

efforts should be made to convene an industry meeting of Retail Trading Cooperatives in November 1980.

9.

Director Training Seminars:

8 Directors participated in the first seminar held 23rd-24th July 1980.
13 nominations received for the second one to be held 27th-28th August 1980. Costs will be covered.

Suggestions were advanced on possible invitees to lead the session "The Role of Chairman of Directors".

10. Federal Election Programme:

The Victorian Federation's recommendations adopted at the last meeting were approved at the July meeting of the Council of the Cooperative Federation of Australia

subject to inclusion of reference to the relationship of local Cooperatives with the Cooperative Federation of Australia and the Cooperative Federation of Victoria a draft circular was approved for distribution to member Cooperatives. In turn these Cooperatives would reproduce on their own letterhead to bring before all their local candidates in the forthcoming Federal Election.

11. Reports:

11.i Advisory Council

Mr. Long reported the next meeting is scheduled for 28th August 1980.

11.ii Executive Officer

Mr. Rawlinson reported having visited Edenhope and obtained firm instructions for sale of the Cooperative Society assets.

He is currently assisting Emerald and Colac A.B. Cooperative - both non-members.

He attended a meeting of Work Cooperatives arising from which submissions made to Advisory Council for some form of centralised management service to be available to assist these Cooperatives. Recommended the service be provided through the Cooperative Federation of Victoria.

He attended the official opening of a new Cooperative Trading Society on a Westmeadows Housing Estate and attended the formation meeting of the DO-IT Work Cooperative.

11.iii Cooperative Federation of Australia

Mr. Macintosh reported on the Federal Council meeting held in Adelaide, 31st July 1980 at which he had been elected to the Executive Committee.

That Council agreed the basis of membership of the C.F.A. would be unchanged.

It also endorsed a recommendation from the three Executive Officers that attention be given to entering into some form of revenue producing trading operation currently involving major Cooperatives.

The Federal Council had agreed to investigate the feasibility of agreement with Australian Farmers for its interests in GMH Fleet Vehicle purchasing and discounting to be allocated to C.F.A. for wider coverage.

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Funding was committed to 31st December 1980 by the Western Australian Federation. Consideration on future funding is conditional upon the Australian Federation developing income generating and promotional programmes by 31st December 1980.

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Next Meeting:

The next meeting was set for Monday, 15th September 1980 at 7 p.m.

Mr. Macintosh extended an apology for inability to attend.

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Closure:

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.15 p.m.


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